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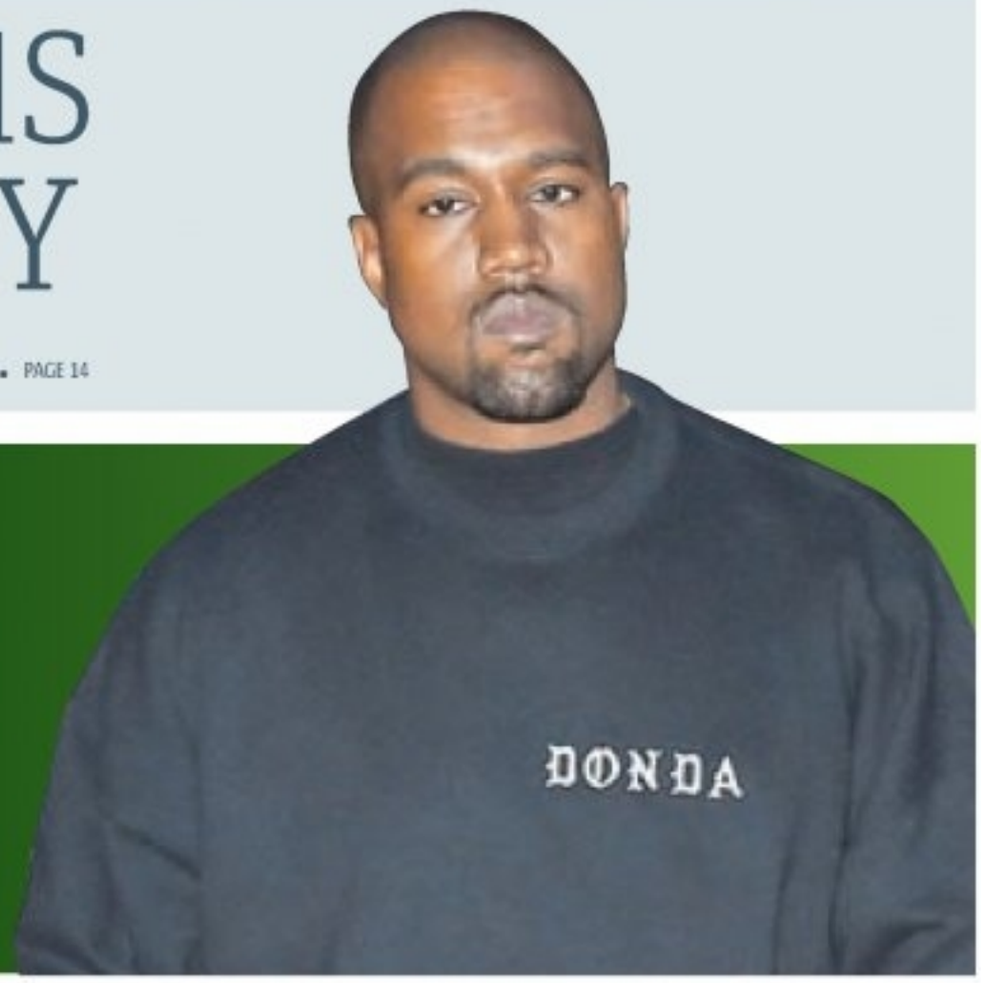

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Like clockwork. A suburban Philadelphia couple is designing toys that don't look like anything you've ever seen before: steampunk-styled "Clockwork Critters." PAGE 02

Ray Sopko, an artist who repurposes children's toys into elaborate steampunk toys, tinkers with his creations at his home studio in Norristown. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Montco couple makes neat-o steampunk toys

Cool craft. Repurposed children's toys get new life for your inner nerd/child.

Ray Sopko shows off his Clockwork Critters, children's toys that have been repurposed into interactive steampunk sculptures. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

These toys aren't for children, but there are some adult-size kids that really like them.

Norristown-based husband-and-wife duo Ray and Erin Sopko are turning heads by repurposing children's toys into steampunk-themed collectables.

For those who don't know, steampunk is a somewhat obscure style that mixes Victorian-era clothing with the steam-powered aesthetic of the late 19th century. Think dirigibles, fancy clocks, monocles and spyglasses combined with corsets and top hats.

Their toys, called Clockwork Critters, follow the same vein. Elephants have leather ears. Dinosaurs get little top hats and cats get spiral metal tails that evoke the innards of a thermostat.

The best part: They move.

The toys begin their lives as a line of fur-lined animals sold at regular toy stores. The line the Sopkos prefer have limited, animatronic movements. Mouths open, elephant trunks unfurl. A few of them walk.

The couple buy them at yard sales and flea markets.

"It's very hard to answer the question: 'Did you make these?'" Erin Sopko said.

Ray Sopko strips off the fur and does minor surgery — by filling in manufacturing holes and fixing imperfections where he can. They're then given a coat of paint. Tarnished brass and metallic finishes are popular because though the toys are generally made of plastic, the Victorian era didn't have plastic.

Erin then takes over by adding decorative flourishes.

The couple got the idea after watching a video of a steampunked Furby doll on the Internet.

"I don't know if you've ever seen a Furby without its skin," Ray Sopko said. "They're sort of skeletal and their eyes are really big. They're just creepy."

The Sopkos wanted to do something similar, but cuter.

"Even without their fur on them, they still look like an animal," Ray said.

The couple sell their creations for between $55 to $350, but they've made a few toys they like so much they wouldn't sell them.

One of those is Doug, a T-Rex that the couple scored for $5 at a flea market.

"He's now our pet," Erin said.

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Turning heads

"They drew a really, really big crowd outside their booth," said Wilder Scott-Straight, a co-organizer of the GoWest! Craft Fair, which was held April 21 in West Philly's Woodland Cemetery.

- Check them out on the Web at DarkRain Designs.com
- Ray and Erin Sopko have been making the critters for about a year and a half.
- They sometimes refuse to sell to children. Too many little pieces.

Quoted

"These are repurposed items. We're big into giving new life out of something old."
Erin Sopko

Feud. Man stabs bro after boxing match

Police say a man was fatally stabbed Saturday night by his brother after the two had watched the Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquaio boxing match on pay-per-view television.

Anthony McGriff, 50, allegedly stabbed 35-year-old John McGriff multiple times around 1 a.m. Sunday after the two watched the fight and got into an argument, reports said.

Police responded to a 911 call of a "person screaming" and found the younger McGriff bloody and unconscious.

John McGriff leaves behind a son and daughter.

Anthony McGriff is charged with murder and possession of an instrument of crime.
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Bucks County

Man faces eight years for fake killer sighting

While SWAT teams hunted for ex-Marine and spree killer Bradley William Stone into the evening of Dec. 15, 2014, outside Pennsburg in Montgomery County, a Bucks County man told police a man resembling Stone tried to steal his car keys and fled into the woods more than an hour away.

That man, Luke Sanderlin, 34, pleaded guilty Monday to false reporting charges, reports said.

Stone was found dead in the woods near Pennsburg on Dec. 16.

Sanderlin, who is currently in custody, could face up to eight years in prison.

Sanderlin's lawyer told The Inquirer his client, who will undergo mental health screening, may have been approached by a man who resembled Stone. METRO

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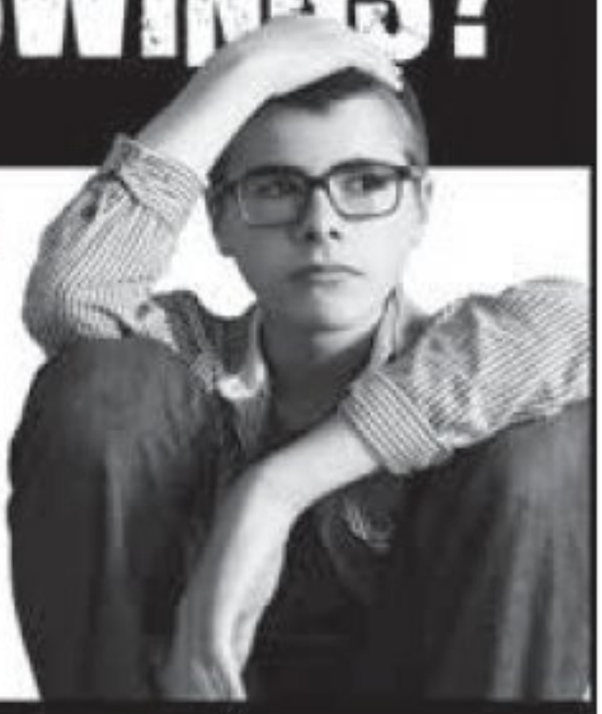

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Skateboader in LOVE Park fight to be paroled

Park brawl. A man caught on tape fighting a ranger pleaded guilty Monday and is now eligible for parole.

Video of the August 2014 fight; at right is Tanner / PROVIDED

The skateboarder who has been locked up since being caught on tape whacking a park ranger with his skateboard officially pleaded guilty Monday and became immediately eligible for parole.

Curtis Tanner, 20, pleaded guilty to simple assault for the August 15, 2014 encounter.

He remained incarcerated but can immediately apply for parole.

Tanner apologized to the ranger and to Philadelphia at his sentencing.

"He has served 280 days on this case," said prosecutor Samuel Haaz. "That's pretty substantial."

Tanner, of Pottstown, was originally charged with aggravated assault because he attacked a city employee.

Erron Williams, the ranger who Tanner is seen attacking in the video, testified in a preliminary hearing that he peacefully asked Tanner and his friends to disperse, as skateboarding is forbidden in LOVE Park.

Tanner responded by beating him, kicking him and spitting on him, he testified.

But more video of the incident showed Williams screaming threats and swinging his fists at Tanner.

"It's my opinion based on the two videos that it was a mutual fight between the two of them which is part of the simple assault statute," said Tanner's defense attorney Samuel DiMateo.

According to Haaz, the city agreed to a guilty plea on the lesser charge of simple assault in part because Williams acknowledged that he should have "reacted differently."

"He wanted to give Curtis Tanner a second chance," Haaz said.

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Parents of slain trooper forgive accused killer

The parents of a Pennsylvania state trooper slain by a sniper outside his barracks last fall declared their forgiveness on Sunday for the defendant, a survivalist awaiting trial on murder charges that carry a possible death sentence.

Eric Frein after arrest / PROVIDED

Bryon and Darla Dickson spoke about the death of their son, police Corporal Bryon Dickson, and the healing power of forgiveness during three "Blue Sunday" services honoring law enforcement at the Community Church in Mount Pocono, about 110 miles north of Philadelphia.

Following the services, Dickson's father told Reuters in the church lobby that he and his wife had spoken with the congregation about their son's death, "how we dealt with it," and why they embraced forgiveness for his killer.

"The only alternative is bitterness," said the church's pastor, David Crosby Jr. REUTERS

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Protesters march during the "Philly is Baltimore" rally Thursday. / MATTHEW LEISTER

Philly pastor will watch Baltimore case closely

Police. He says charges are "a step in the right direction."

The Rev. Mark Tyler, activist pastor of Philly's Mother Bethel AME Church, says the decision to charge six Baltimore police officers in the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray was a "step in the right direction," but much work remains to be done to end the excessive use of force by police.

Stressing that the charges announced Friday against the officers were not to be confused with a complete victory, Tyler said, "An indictment is a step in the right direction. Just a baby step … You can't stop demonstrating. You can't stop protesting now as if this is some ultimate victory."

He said he would be watching carefully as the criminal process involving the officers unfolds over the next several months. "We want a trial that is fair and just as aggressive as if there was a trial where someone was accused of shooting and killing a police officer," Tyler said.

Tyler went to Baltimore on Tuesday to meet with clergymen from across the city at Empowerment Temple AME Church to talk about how they could best support the ongoing protests prompted by Gray's death on April 12 while in police custody. After looting erupted in Baltimore last Monday, National Guard troops were called in as street demonstrations continued in the days that followed.

"The demonstrations were absolutely necessary … their concern was that the demonstrations would remain peaceful. [But] that doesn't mean the demonstrations don't bring out people who are rightfully upset," said Tyler.

Thursday's largely peaceful "Philly is Baltimore" rally and march, organized by the Philadelphia Coalition for Racial Economic, and Legal (REAL) Justice, was a good way for Philadelphia to show solidarity with Baltimore, he said.

"I am extremely proud of them," said Tyler, "People have been so critical of today's young people and the things they don't do … I think they proved a lot of people wrong … and I think they should be celebrated."

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Investigators work a crime scene before the removal of two bodies outside of the Curtis Culwell Center after a shooting occurred the day before in Garland, Texas. / GETTY IMAGES

Feds monitored gunman for years in Muhammad cartoon attack

Texas. He was associated with an individual the FBI believed was trying to set up a terrorist cell.

Federal agents for years monitored one of the two gunmen shot dead after opening fire with assault rifles at a heavily guarded Texas exhibit of caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad.

Two law enforcement officials, who asked not to be named, identified one of the dead shooters as Elton Simpson, under surveillance since 2006 and convicted in 2010 of lying to FBI agents over his desire to join violent jihad in Somalia. The second shooter was identified as Nadir Soofi, a roommate of Simpson, according to two sources close to the investigation.

Phoenix FBI spokesman Perryn Collier confirmed agents were at the Autumn Ridge Apartments in connection with the shooting in Texas. The complex in north-central Phoenix was cordoned off and residents were evacuated for several hours in the early morning.

The incident unfolded on Sunday, when a car drove up behind an indoor arena in Garland, where people attended an event featuring caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad, portrayals considered offensive by Muslims.

Two men jumped out of the car and fired on security guards, injuring one. One police officer returned fire and killed both men in the parking lot.

Those inside the Curtis Culwell Center who had gone through heavy security to enter the event were not aware of the attack until afterward.

Police and federal agents had planned security for months ahead of the event organized by American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI), a free-speech organization that is also described as a hate group, and that paid $10,000 for extra protection. REUTERS

Attendees

200

Some 200 attendees inside the arena were not aware of the attack outside.

Contest

Free speech or hateful?

AFDI's event in Garland, Texas, was called "Muhammad Art Exhibit and Contest" and offered a $10,000 prize for the best artwork or cartoon depicting the Prophet.

Depictions of the Prophet Muhammad are considered offensive in Islam, and Western art that portrays the Prophet has angered Muslims and provoked threats and attacks from extremists.

Ahead of the event, Dallas Muslims had circulated messages on social media urging each other to ignore the event and not give the organizer any attention.

The event featured speakers including Geert Wilders, a polarizing Dutch politician and anti-Islamic campaigner who is on an al Qaeda hit list.

The AFDI, described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group, has among other activities sponsored anti-Islamic advertising campaigns in transit systems across the country. REUTERS

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1 Republican former CEO Fiorina enters 2016 race, hits at Clinton

Former Hewlett-Packard Chief Executive Carly Fiorina on Monday announced she is running for president and took a shot at Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton, whom she said represents a political class that Americans are "disgusted" with.

Once one of the most powerful women in American business, Fiorina registers near the bottom of polls of the dozen or so Republican hopefuls and has never held public office.

She is positioning herself as an outsider with real-life experience earned through years in the corporate world.

Fiorina, 60, said the former first lady and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, belong to an out-of-touch political elite.

"She reminds people that there is a huge disconnect between that political class and the hopes and concerns of hardworking Americans everywhere," she told reporters on a conference call.

"I see that disconnect everywhere I go. I see people just disgusted, honestly, with the way the playing field is tilted against them, the disconnect between what they're thinking about and what they perceive people in Washington are thinking about," Fiorina said.

A breast cancer survivor who lost a stepdaughter to drug addiction, Fiorina is a multimillionaire who has known adversity. **REUTERS**

FIORINA
GETTY IMAGES

2 Baltimore police say man's gun discharged during arrest, no injuries

Baltimore police denied a media report on Monday they had shot a black man while trying to take him into custody, saying the man's firearm went off accidentally while officers were arresting him and that no one was injured.

A senior Baltimore police officer on the scene told reporters that the man had been put into an ambulance as a precautionary measure.

"No one was injured," the officer said. "Nowhere on his body does he have a gunshot wound." **REUTERS**

3 Clayton State University in Georgia evacuated after bomb threat: Report

Clayton State University, an Atlanta-area school, was evacuated on Monday afternoon due to a bomb threat, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper reported.

The school's website asked that all campus buildings be cleared, but it did not specify a reason for the evacuation. School officials did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment. **REUTERS**

4 Wisconsin man opens fire on family after fight with girlfriend

A Wisconsin man, who had just been in a fight with his girlfriend, armed himself with two guns, cycled to a scenic bridge and opened fire, killing a father and his daughter along with another man before taking his own life, police said on Monday.

Sergio Daniel Valencia del Toro, 27, killed Jonathan Stoffel, 33, his daughter Olivia, 11, and Adam Bentdahl, 31, and critically wounded Erin Stoffel, 32, police said.

The shooting happened on Sunday evening on the Trestle Trail bridge in Menasha, about 35 miles southwest of Green Bay. **REUTERS**

5 Samsung uses virtual reality for 'Avengers' movie ads

Samsung and Walt Disney's Marvel introduced a marketing campaign that for the first time promotes a movie using short virtual reality films.

The ad campaign for the movie "Avengers: Age of Ultron," employs technology that immerses a user in a 3-D world and makes them feel as if they are in the action.

The campaign is made to work with Samsung's GS6 smartphone that fits with the company's VR glasses, Samsung Gear VR, though the films can be viewed on Android smartphones or any Web browser. **REUTERS**

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US ships accompany British-flagged vessels in Strait of Hormuz

Pentagon. Iranian patrol boats had shadowed a U.S.-flagged commercial ship going through the vital waterway.

The guided-missile destroyer USS Farragut / GETTY IMAGES

U.S. Navy warships have begun accompanying British-flagged commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz as a result of Iran's detention of a Marshall Islands-flagged cargo ship last week, the Pentagon said on Monday.

Army Colonel Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said the U.S. Navy had accompanied one British ship through the strait, one of the world's most important oil-shipping channels, following talks between Washington and London.

Quoted

"They've asked if we would accompany their flagged vessels through the strait."

Warren told reporters

The Navy has been accompanying U.S.-flagged ships traversing the strait for several days in response to last week's detention of the MV Maersk Tigris by Iranian Revolutionary Guard patrol boats.

Pentagon officials said the action is a temporary one as a result of recent Iranian actions in the waterway.

The Maersk Tigris was approached by Iranian patrol vessels last Tuesday and ordered into Iranian waters. The ship's master initially declined and an Iranian vessel fired shots across its bow and forced it to divert to near Larak Island off the port of Bandar Abbas.

The Maersk Tigris remains there as a result of what Iranian officials have said is a court order based on a commercial dispute.

The incident comes at a time of heightened tensions in the region as a result of the conflict in Yemen between Iranian-backed rebels and the Saudi-backed government. The United States is supporting the Saudi-led coalition. REUTERS

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Murder charge for suspect after NYC police officer killed

Gunned down.
Officer Brian Moore has succumbed to injuries allegedly sustained at the hands of a career criminal.

An NYPD police officer who was allegedly shot in the head by an ex-con on Saturday evening in the New York City borough of Queens has died.

Speaking outside of Jamaica Hospital shortly before 3 p.m., Police Commissioner Bill Bratton said New Yorkers should pray for Officer Brian Moore's family, who made the difficult decision to remove him from life support.

Bratton said officers from the 105th Precinct had just come back from the funeral of a fellow officer, who died from complications related to 9/11, when they heard that Moore had died.

Police gather for a procession at the Jamaica Hospital Trauma Center in Queens after the death of NYPD Officer Brian Moore.
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"He was an extraordinary young man … [this is a great loss] to his family, this department and to this profession and this city," Bratton said.

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association President Pat Lynch said that officers throughout the city will ride subways and do patrols with a heavy heart, and asked New Yorkers to comfort cops and thank them for their service.

"There is no closure for a New York police officer's family in death," Lynch said. Moore's father and uncle are retired from the NYPD, and he has a cousin on the force.

Moore had 150 arrests in his less-than-five-year career, officials said.

Moore was allegedly shot by Demetrius Blackwell around 6:15 p.m. on Saturday. Moore and his partner, Officer Erik Jansen, were on patrol in plain clothes and an unmarked police car when they spotted Blackwell suspiciously adjust something in the waistband of his pants.

When the officers pulled up behind Blackwell and asked what he was doing, the suspect allegedly pulled out a gun and fired multiple times into the car.

Moore was hit several times in the head, authorities said, and Blackwell fled before the officers were able to return fire. Moore's partner was not injured and the suspect, who is 35 years old, was apprehended about 90 minutes after the incident.

Blackwell was arraigned on attempted murder charges on Sunday. Queens DA Richard Brown upgraded the charge to murder on Monday afternoon, and if convicted Blackwell faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Police recovered a Taurus revolver with three spent bullets and two live rounds from a backyard on 104 Avenue on Monday.

The gun had been reported stolen. Bratton said the DA plans to start the grand jury process on Tuesday, and seek a charge of first-degree murder of a police officer.

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Honoring a hero

Moore's funeral will likely be planned for later this week. Officers lined up and saluted Moore's body as it left the hospital in an ambulance, with Bratton placing a hand over his heart.

- The flags at 1 Police Plaza were lowered to half staff following Moore's death, and a blue ribbon was draped around a tree outside the 105th Precinct.

Quoted

"Our city is in mourning and our hearts are heavy … we lost one of the best amongst us … We need to be there for the Moore family and thankful there was a hero amongst us, known as Brian Moore."
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Florida. Man sues hospital after his leg found in the garbage

A south Florida man is suing a hospital for emotional distress, saying his leg was amputated and thrown in the garbage with his name tag still on it.

John Timiriasieff, 56, had his right leg amputated below the knee in October at Doctors Hospital in Coral Gables.

"Rather than properly disposing of the plaintiff's limb as expected and as required by Florida law, Doctors Hospital threw the plaintiff's amputated limb into the garbage, with tags indicating it belonged to the plaintiff," according to the lawsuit filed on Wednesday in Miami-Dade County Circuit Court.

A month later, Timiriasieff said his family was contacted by homicide detectives investigating if he had been the victim of foul play.

When the family went back to the hospital to find out what happened, they were told it would "provide no explanation for what had occurred," the lawsuit said.

Doctors Hospital Inc, part of the Baptist Health South Florida Inc, said it could not discuss the incident in detail because of patient privacy considerations.

"However, we can say when Doctors Hospital was notified of this situation, hospital leaders took immediate and appropriate measures to address it," it added in an emailed statement. "Proper procedures have been reinforced at the hospital to prevent similar situations from happening in the future."

Normally, amputated limbs are incinerated by hospitals, said Clay Roberts, a lawyer for Timiriasieff.

Roberts said he wrote to the hospital in January but got no response.

In the lawsuit, Timiriasieff described the hospital's conduct as "outrageous and beyond the bounds of human decency as to be regarded as odious and utterly intolerable in a civilized community."

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THE LEG WAS DISCOVERED AT A WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AND REPORTED TO POLICE.

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"Hospitals aren't supposed to throw limbs away." Roberts

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@TheRock: Anything that's worth doin', is worth doin' right. Be willin' to put in the work and success will come. Let's roll..

@jamiechung1: Correction- Treat ALL living beings with kindness...Unless it's trying to eat you.

@RuPaul: If your happiness is contingent on someone else changing their behavior, then you playin yo'self, henny.

@joelmchale: Remember: lift with your back.

1

Is Kate Middleton making other moms look bad?

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If you're a new mom — or soon to be one — it's understandable if the post-birth behavior of a certain Duchess of Cambridge has you feeling like a bit of an underachiever. Not only did she squeeze out newborn Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana after two and a half hours in the hospital Saturday morning — with no epidural or anything — but she was then standing up — standing up! — on the steps of the hospital, baby in her arms, waving to well-wishers nine hours later and looking pretty darn fantastic doing it. That's asking a lot of a woman mere hours after giving birth. Of course, most women don't have a crack team whipping their hair, skin, nails and wardrobe into camera-ready shape just after the baby arrives. Basically, if Middleton is supposed to serve as a role model for other women, maybe someone should sit her down and have a talk about unrealistic expectations, yeah?

3

Time to lawyer up, other people named Kylie

Apparently, there's nothing you can't monetize or commodify, at least not if you hail from the Kardashian-Jenner clan. To wit, 17-year-old Kylie Jenner has reportedly filed an application to trademark her first name for "entertainment in the nature of providing information by means of a global computer network in the fields of entertainment, fashion and pop culture" and for personal appearances "by a celebrity, actress and model." Hey, at least we finally have a lock on what her career technically is. One hitch, though: There's already a famous pop star named Kylie — Minogue, in case you're wondering — who has been famous longer than Jenner has been alive. Which might cause a problem down the road, no? Also, couldn't you at least wait until you're of legal voting age before you start trademarking yourself? Kids these days.

2

Kanye West wants John Kerry-level security

This week in Perfectly Reasonable Kanye West Requests: security! The even-tempered and ever-humble rapper will be traveling to Rome to film a small part in "Zoolander 2," and he's reportedly taking his accommodation cues from U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, because obviously. "Kerry stays at the iconic Baglioni [hotel] because it's directly across the road from the U.S. Embassy, and he has an army to protect him with machine guns and soldiers at the ready," a source tells Radar Online, explaining that West "wants a similar setup, as he's become increasingly paranoid about traveling with his wife and child. Rome's a dangerous place. [West] wants top-level security in the rooftop suite, with 360-degree views and [room] for security [on] the entire floor below." Seems eminently reasonable.

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Quick pop quiz — Cinco de Mayo is:

a. A holiday that actually stems from the Mexican army's 1862 win in the Battle of Puebla
b. A day celebrated in Mexico to a far lesser extent than it is in the U.S.
c. Unhelpfully, falling this year on a weekday
d. A day beloved by fans of guacamole and tequila everywhere

The answer is all of the above! Though Cinco de Mayo is a relatively minor holiday south of the border (and though it's a Tuesday), I plan to celebrate along with the rest of you all in the U.S. of A. with tasty foods and margaritas. And, as author of "My Drunk Kitchen — A Guide to Eating, Drinking, and Going With Your Gut," I feel it's only right that I share with you my three-step plan to a perfect celebration. (Did you enjoy that shameless self-promotion? Good — because I did too.)

Step one: Ready the carbs

I encourage you to have a hearty meal of carbs and cheese handy to start the evening in the form of a quesadilla. If you don't know how to make a quesadilla, it's essentially a symphony of shredded cheese melted between two fried tortillas. Sour cream, salsa and chicken are all optional additions.

So what that it's a Tuesday — your Cinco de Mayo celebration needs margaritas. / PROVIDED

Step two: Freeze a watermelon

I like to celebrate Cinco de Mayo by making a watermelon margarita. First, buy a watermelon and cut it into chunks. Freeze overnight. The next day, use these chunks as the base of your drink. Add tequila and as much lime juice as you fancy. Do the same with the sugar. This ranges widely depending on taste.

Step three: The morning after

Any properly organized Cinco de Mayo plan will also look ahead. After a watermelon margarita (or four), your body will quite naturally be craving grease. And probably eggs. Fortunately, there is a perfect hangover cure: migas! Effectively a Mexican version of scrambled eggs, your basic migas include: corn tortillas, jalapeno, plum tomatoes, green pepper, red bell pepper, medium onion, eggs (obviously), cotija cheese, cilantro and whatever you use to keep your eggs from burning — butter, oil, etc. Throw all of those ingredients (with the appropriate slicing and dicing) onto a skillet, cook and enjoy!

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Lucas, left, in "Pompidou" with co-star Alex Macqueen. The show is available on Netflix now. / BBC TELEVISION

Matt Lucas gibberish to

Q&A. The U.K. comic takes a gamble with 'Pompidou'

Matt Lucas, co-creator of the infamous sketch show "Little Britain" and scene-stealer of such films as "Bridesmaids" and "Alice in Wonderland," is feeling a bit awkward at the moment. "I don't do a lot of newspaper interviews. I'm just, you know, private," he admits. "There's no point in doing an interview just for the sake of it. You'll just bore the pants off people, won't you?" But he is promoting something, at least: "Pompidou," the new Netflix series in which he plays Pompidou P. Pompidou, a bumbling, down-on-his-luck aristocrat — oh, and the entire show is in gibberish.

Has anyone suggested conducting interviews in "Pompidou"-speak?
[Laughs] Can you imagine? I do speak as fluently in that language as I do in this. No, I'm joking. It's like speaking in tongues for atheists. I just wanted to do something different, and I wanted to do something that could be enjoyed in different countries without the barrier of a load of subtitles or dubbing. And I wanted to do something for the family — something a little less spiky, something that kids could watch. Some of my favorite things I've received recently are, like, 2-year-olds doing Pompidou voices on Twitter and sending them to me. It's quite weird.

Are the parents pleased, or are they miffed about you messing up their kids' language development?
I think there's a mixture, there's a mixture. But before, I'd felt a bit guilty that we'd taught the kids rude words from our shows.

That motivation to play more to younger audiences seems to happen a lot with comics as they get older.
I think you change as a person. You become less sociopathic as you leave your 30s, and you usually become a bit warmer, I think, and a bit more empathetic. Stuff that David Walliams and I used to do 15 or 20 years ago — we would spoof pop stars, and sometimes it was quite cruel. I look back on it, and I don't see the person I am now in it at all. There's a cruelty to it, and I don't feel that way anymore. I don't have that anger or that bite in the same way. So although the show is less risque, I actually think it's more risky. It's a big proposition to leave all your characters behind that people know

talking the kids

MATT LUCAS, OUT OF COSTUME
JIM SPELLMAN/WIREIMAGE

you for and the style of comedy and then just do something in gibberish. Some people in Britain were baffled by it.

When you're in the U.S., what do you find yourself getting recognized for the most?

Last night, a woman at a table next to me at the restaurant came up and said, "I'm a massive fan of yours. I absolutely love your work." And I said, "Oh, thank you very much." She said, "Your scene in the movie was brilliant." And I said, "What movie?" And she said, "'Bridesmaids!'" And she looked at me like how come I didn't know that that's what she meant? That's what I get recognized for here.

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TV watch list

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The sitcom goes live this episode, which involves Danny and Justin pursuing a singer from a music fest. Tune in to see if it's spontaneous and fun or a total train wreck! We'd accept either.

9 P.M., NBC

COMEDY

'New Girl'

Coach moves out of the loft, though sadly Damon Wayans Jr. is not departing this time to star in "Happy Endings" again. Meanwhile, Jess and Nick consider their feelings for each other.

SEASON FINALE, 9 P.M., FOX

REALITY

'Dancing with the Stars'

Sia muse Maddie Ziegler appears, and singers Josh Groban and Carly Rae Jepsen also perform. Think you could dance to "Call Me Maybe"?

8 P.M., ABC

LISA WEIDENFELD

Coach is moving on to greener pastures on "New Girl."
RAY MICKSHAW, FOX

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is a participant in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program (MTW) pursuant to an Amended and Restated Moving to Work Agreement (MTW Agreement) with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The MTW Agreement defines the terms and conditions under which PHA is a participant in the MTW Program and requires PHA to submit an MTW Annual Plan for HUD review and approval. PHA's MTW Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 was originally submitted to HUD in January 2015, and is currently awaiting HUD approval.

PHA is seeking public review and comments on a proposed amendment to the FY 2016 MTW Annual Plan concerning PHA's plans to convert 57 public housing units to project-based assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The PHA Board of Commissioners approved PHA's application to HUD for conversion of 3,433 public housing units under the RAD program in December 2013. Subsequently, in March 2015, HUD approved PHA's application through the issuance of award letters which serve as Commitments to Enter into Housing Assistance Payments Contracts (CHAPs).

The proposed amendment provides additional information as required by HUD concerning PHA's RAD conversion plans. The proposed amendment is incorporated in its entirety into the FY 2016 MTW Annual Plan through an attachment entitled "Rental Assistance Demonstration Significant Amendment". It is available for public review and downloading on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at:

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PHA will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment. PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public are invited to attend and provide comments at the Hearing and/or to submit written comments during the public comment period. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the following time and location: **Wednesday, May 20 2015 at 12 South 3rd Street - 6th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103**

The public comment period begins on May 5, 2015 at 12 noon and ends June 5, at 2:00pm. All comments must be received at PHA's office by the end of the comment period. Please send written comments to: **Philadelphia Housing Authority / Office of Policy, Research and Enterprise Planning Attention: MTW Plan Amendment Comment / 12 South 23rd Street, Philadelphia, PA**

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Going kosher

Interview. The star of "Felix and Meira" talks about playing an Orthodox woman ... again.

Hadas Yaron laughs a lot. It's something the Israeli actress doesn't get to do in her two big films, "Fill the Void" and the new "Felix and Meira," both in which she plays a young Orthodox Jewish woman. In "Fill the Void," she struggled with entering an arranged marriage. In "Felix and Meira," set in Montreal, she's already married and finds herself drawn to a secular single guy.

Mad skills

Ping-pong

Meira winds up exposed to the outside world, and at one point tries, very poorly, to play ping-pong. How's your ping-pong in real life?
I'm actually really good at ping-pong! I'm better than most people, better than the other actors. I had to hold the paddle really weird so I could hit the ball very strangely. I'm very good at ping-pong. I'm glad you asked!

You were convincing.
I know, I know. I'm such a good actor. [Laughs]

Were you initially reluctant to do another film about an Orthodox woman?
Yes. I was. [Laughs] At first I actually didn't want to read the script. I was afraid it would be the same.

But this is very different.
"Fill the Void" is a very Orthodox film. It was made by a woman in the community and it's very kosher. "Felix and Meira" is not a kosher film.

You're not Orthodox yourself. How did you ingratiate yourself into the community back during "Fill the Void"?
It was easy because I had an Orthodox director [Rama Burshtein]. She took me into her life and house. We went to the synagogue together and went on holidays together. I really got to know this world, so when I came to this role I had to learn things from a different perspective. I had this whole background and a different version of it.

"Felix and Meira" seems to be more critical of the way the community treats women and how it affects those who've lived inside it their entire lives.
My knowledge of this world came from "Fill the Void." I met so many incredible people and I learned so many beautiful and spiritual things about this community. The first time I read "Felix and Meira," I was like, "Hey, whoa!" [Laughs] I felt it was very judgmental. But I also felt I might have been being overprotective. I felt there was only one side of the story, that people from the outside are always judging them. So the first time I read it I thought it was really judgmental. I thought Shulem [Meira's husband, played by Luzer Twersky] was the bad guy. But I read it again and again and again, and I realized it wasn't judgmental at all. For me it was more about opening my mind so that I could see the whole thing.

Even "Fill the Void" has a few things to say

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with Hadas Yaron

Hadas Yaron (with Martin Dubreuil) plays an Orthodox Jewish woman tempted by the outside secular world in "Felix and Meira," now in theaters. / OSCILLOSCOPE LABORATORIES

HADAS YARON
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On the down-low

Fame

Since "Fill the Void," do you get recognized a lot more on the street?
"Felix and Meira" isn't out in Israel, but "Fill the Void" was. But in Israel people watch TV more than they watch films in theaters. So I'm OK, I'm good. I like it this way. I like it that not everyone knows me. Is that weird to say?

Mega-fame sounds like it would be awful.
Exactly. Then I can't do stupid things on the street or stupid things in general.

Like what?
I don't know! [Laughs] I can't tell you because then you'll publish it and I won't be able to do it! I like the way it is now. I hope it stays this way.

about Orthodox life.
It's funny because a lot of people felt when they saw "Fill the Void," even though it was made by a woman from that world, they said it was too critical. Some people asked her how she could go on living in this community after making the film.

When I read "Felix and Meira" I was afraid it was judging this world, because it talks about the darker side. I was afraid it was going to be judgmental.

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'SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER': MORE THAN A DISCO MOVIE

After busting this movie, John Travolta could do whatever he wants. All three of these films stream on Netlix Instant. / PARAMOUNT

Classic

'Saturday Night Fever'

Largely misinterpreted and misremembered as a fun-loving disco movie, this 1977 phenom really breaks down to about 15 percent a euphoric musical time capsule and 85 percent a depressing (yet moving) drama about not being able to get out of your go-nowhere neighborhood. John Travolta's Tony Manero — in a performance that gives him a lifetime pass, which he's used time and again — would probably be another Bay Ridge palooka if he didn't have supernatural dance moves. His struggle to do more than show them off at the local club is a mighty one, as he keeps falling back on old habits, including hanging with his sexist-racist-homophobic buds.

It's frankly amazing that a gritty, grimy drama that barely leaves a small pocket of Brooklyn was a monster international hit, though it almost makes sense. The dancing is so good that you can forget about the rest, just as Tony himself can only lose himself when dancing. And there's a lot to forget: the assaults on Hispanic neighbors; the business with Tony's ex-priest brother; the part where our hero tries to rape the female lead. When he's hoofing everything else vanishes; when he's not, it all crashes spectacularly to earth.

Comedy

'They Came Together'

"State" alum and "Wet Hot American Summer" director David Wain should have better things to do than to make a light, not too savage parody of rom-coms, and ditto stars Paul Rudd and Amy Poehler. But this lampoon still offers some strong goods, though the two best bits don't even have anything to do with the genre being sent up. Best of all, it gets loopier as it goes on. By the end it's not even a mere parody movie and indulges in Wain's real gift: disarmingly grouchy eccentricity.

Paul Rudd and Amy Poehler / LIONSGATE

"Bluebird" / FACTORY 25

Indie

'Bluebird'

If this tiny drama is any indication, John Slattery will have a long, diverse life after "Mad Men." Here he plays a taciturn small town factory worker whose bus driver wife (Amy Morton) nearly lets a little girl under her watch die. That's almost the same plot as Atom Egoyan's "The Sweet Hereafter," though "Bluebird" goes in a different direction, and conjures up a different mood. It's a film where no one wants to talk about their roiling feelings, while ace cinematographer Jody Lee Lipes ("Martha Marcy May Marlene") creates a wintry, low-lit look that's downright claustrophobic.

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When Ryan Ferguson entered prison as a skinny 19-year-old, convicted of a crime he did not commit, he was understandably scared. His first priority became transforming himself into someone bigger and stronger for protection.

But as he started accomplishing his goal, the same determination to change his body started changing his mindset, too. He grew even more determined to prove his innocence, and though it took nearly 10 years, he prevailed and is now a free man.

The things he took from the experience, both his personally honed exercise routine and finding the inner strength to get through it all, are in his new book, "Stronger, Faster, Smarter," out now. We talked to Ferguson about how mind and body are connected and how accomplishing your fitness goals can have a positive impact on other areas of your life.

The right food fuels your brain

What you eat plays a huge part in being healthy. Besides drinking a lot of water, Ferguson recommends green smoothies as one of the best ways to get necessary nutrients. "They're infinitely better than fruit smoothies because fruit smoothies have a lot of sugar," he says. "There's nothing more nutritious."

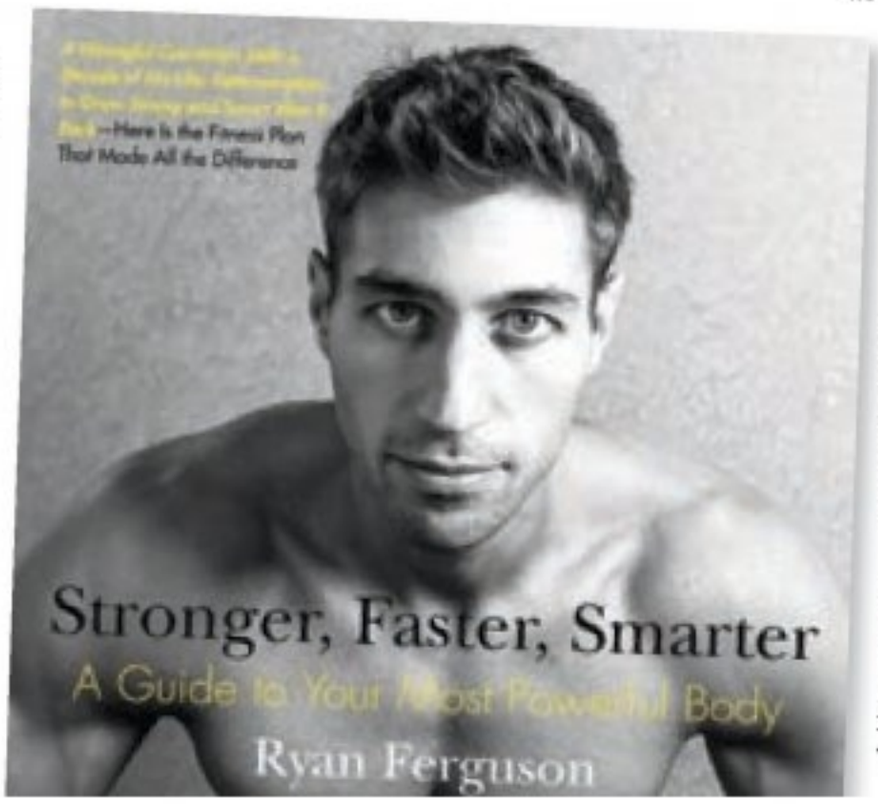
When you change your eating habits for the better, you'll notice that you'll be able to think more clearly and work smarter, too. "If you're healthy and hydrated, your productivity goes up," he says. "You'll actually be a better worker and become an invaluable employee."

You get out more than what you put in

If you're out of shape, transforming your body may seem like an overwhelming, if not impossible, feat, but Ferguson says if you want it badly enough, you can absolutely make it happen. "That's the reality of fitness," he says. "You're going to get what you want most. If you want to be healthy, you're going to get it. You're going to make it happen."

After all, if anyone knows something about overcoming a seemingly impossible situation, it's Ferguson; if he wasn't determined to prove his innocence, he would still be behind bars.

Once you start seeing the results of your athletic determination pay off, you'll put your mind to making other big changes in your life outside of your fitness goals, Ferguson assures. Whatever your own personal prison may be, you can find a way out.



Discover a new source of power

While Ferguson was in prison, he didn't have access to weights and couldn't go outside for a run, but he still found ways to work out.

"In jail, the stairs have no back, so I would come up behind them, grab on to them and do pullups," he says. "The point is, you can be creative with what you have at home."

The most important thing to do is just get moving, he says. Even if you can't afford a gym membership, anyone can afford to walk around the city or do some basic fitness moves, like squats, situps and pushups at home or in the park.

When you get resourceful about your fitness routine, you'll find that you'll become more resourceful in other areas of your life as well, whether it be stretching your finances or tackling a difficult problem at work. Your mind will already be trained to think resourcefully and look for new ways to deal with obstacles.

Chipotle buys into the latest food cause célèbre.

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What you need to know about GMOs

There are no GMOs in your Chipotle burrito bowl — but is that significant? GETTY IMAGES

The American diet is under the microscope. Beyond the obesity epidemic, scientists are linking the foods we eat to everything from the quality of our sleep to serious mental health issues like depression.

The latest villain is, somewhat predictably, GMOs. In our eat-like-our-ancestors Paleo-dieting, farmers market-shopping, kale-worshipping world, it makes sense that genetically modified organisms would cause alarm. And last week, opponents got a big supporter when Chipotle announced it no longer uses them.

The trouble is, there's no evidence that GMOs are dangerous.

'Frankenfood'

The concept of GMOs is easy to grasp. It doesn't require knowledge of nutrition or genetics to understand that someone has taken a natural product into a lab, and we know from Dr. Frankenstein's experiment that what comes out may not be what's intended.

Chipotle's stance is significant because, while not exactly a health restaurant, it's distinguished itself by using fresh, sustainably harvested ingredients. So what does it say when they won't serve something?

Engineering food

The problems modified crops solve are real, and they're here. Land that has been depleted of nutrients through poor farming methods, or simply wasn't fertile enough to sustain crops to begin with, can grow food that has been engineered to need fewer natural resources and be more nutritious. GM crops can resist viruses, pests, drought and other blights.

A recent study by the Pew Research Center and the American Association for the Advancement of Science found that 88 percent of scientists say genetically modified foods are safe; the World Health Organization and European Commission agree.

Put a label on it

Wanting to know what's in our food is a good goal. But we often don't, even with labels that seem clear: Cage-free eggs may still come from chickens that are packed into a barn rather than spreading their wings outdoors.

Labeling has already had a chilling effect on GMOs in Europe, where a mandate in the late '90s led manufacturers — afraid of losing business — to drop genetically modified ingredients.

Currently, an estimated 80 percent of food in the U.S. contains at least one GM ingredient.

In the statement announcing Chipotle's move, founder and CEO Steve Ells acknowledged that it was precautionary: "[I]t's clear that a lot of research is still needed before we can truly understand all of the implications of widespread GMO cultivation and consumption."

Cause for concern

Monsanto rolled out the first GMO crop in 1996, a RoundUp Ready soybean. To date, there has been no scientific evidence of harm to humans as a result of GMO crops. But earlier this year, there was a worrying piece of news about RoundUp: The popular weed killer's active ingredient, glyphosate, was found to be "probably carcinogenic to humans" by the World Health Organization.

Spurred by concerns about the safety of the herbicide, Vermont passed a law that would mandate GMO labeling by 2016. But is effectively banning GMOs the way to phase out glyphosate?

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With beach season just a month away, it's time for the annual ritual of starting an ill-fated diet to fit into your swimsuit.

But it doesn't mean depriving your sweet tooth until August. Gesine Bullock-Prado, a pastry chef and author of the new book "Let Them Eat Cake," believes that dessert is essential to a healthy diet.

While you might dismiss the words of someone whose profession promotes indulgence, there's scientific evidence to show that sweet treats can fight hunger. A Yale University research team studying ghrelin, the hormone that regulates hunger, found that a person's state of mind can influence whether they feel satisfied after a meal.

Study participants were given a 380-calorie milkshake under the pretense that it was a 620-calorie "indulgent shake" or a 140-calorie "sensible shake." Those who thought they had indulged saw a dramatic decline in ghrelin levels while those given the "sensible" option had a flat ghrelin response.

"The results were somewhat counterintuitive: Consuming the shake thinking it was 'indulgent' was healthier," explained lead author Alia J. Crum.

Bullock-Prado says her lean frame is an example of someone who practices what they preach. "I indulge every day. I find that, when I deny myself, I spend an inordinate amount of time thinking about what I can't have," she says. "If I eat my daily chocolate or slice of cake at 3 p.m., I'm happy and don't waste my time obsessing."

Recipe

Figgy pistachio upside-down cake

Ingredients:

For the fig layer:
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- ¼ cup dark brown sugar, packed
- 13 small fresh mission or Calimyrna figs, stems removed, halved

For the cake:
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup finely ground pistachios
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1½ sticks unsalted butter
- ½ cup plus 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tbsp vanilla bean paste
- 1 tsp grated orange zest
- ⅓ cup whole milk

Directions:

For the fig layer, preheat the oven to 350°F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch round cake pan with parchment paper and spray the parchment and sides with non-stick cooking spray. Pour the melted butter into the prepared pan, sprinkle with brown sugar and place the figs, cut-side down, in concentric circles.

For the cake, combine the flour, pistachios, baking powder and salt; whisk for 30 seconds. In the bowl of a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, combine the butter and sugar. Mix on high speed until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, scraping down the sides and bottom of the bowl after each addition. Add the vanilla and orange zest and mix until just combined. With the mixer on low, add half of the flour mixture then the milk then the remaining flour. Mix until well-combined. Spoon batter over figs. Bake about 45 to 50 minutes.

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There will be hidden factors influencing those around you. Examine any ulterior motives that might be lurking behind the scenes.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
A lifestyle change will pay off. Improvement to your health will increase your energy, allowing you to enjoy your favorite pastimes.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Group activities or short trips will inspire you. Make the most of your creative projects. An experienced colleague will give you tips on personal finances.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Feeling sorry for yourself will get you nowhere. Personal issues can be resolved if you are willing to compromise.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Contributing to charity will involve more than just a donation. Offer your time or talent to the cause of your choice. Recognition and respect will follow.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
You will be hypersensitive when it comes to your career. Don't confuse helpful hints with critical comments.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Don't be discouraged if you hit a few roadblocks. Tap into what others have to offer. You will pick up tips if you listen and learn.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Legal agencies will cause headaches if you aren't prepared. Keep all of your important documents up to date to avoid any unpleasant consequences.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Don't get coerced into a dispute. Refuse to revisit an unpleasant discussion or to speculate about what might have been.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You will feel depressed and upset if you think others don't understand you. Say what's on your mind.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Don't rush to get things done; take your time and do them right the first time. Missing important details will lead to delays.

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters to the editor

Do have a cow

Re: 'Don't have a cow' (Metro, May 4) Wow Bill, it's clear that someone has been reading PETA's wiki. Though we all know that many animals, including but not limited to cows, are not always treated or killed as humanely as we would like, I find it impossible to believe that all newborn calves are torn from their mothers and turned into cutlets. If this were true, cows would have gone extinct decades ago. Perhaps cows at mass kill sites are chained to floors with no access to the outdoors, but most cows, at least those here in Pennsylvania, live on farms outdoors, where they have plenty of access to fresh grass, water and each other. After a period of time (months to years) where they are fattened and checked over (to make sure they are healthy enough for human consumption), they are transported to where they might become, as you so diplomatically put it, hamburgers. Milking cows, on the other hand, can become lonely (without their children) but are constantly in the vicinity of other cows because milking cows are housed together. This helps (again) humans keep an eye on the health of said cows. And last, but certainly not least: I have a wonderful mother. She is kind, gentle, graceful and so very special. After working her butt off, day in and day out, she gets but one Mother's Day to celebrate, and I, for one, will not be the a–hole child who brings her soy cheese on her day.
JENNIFER MATRONE, VIA EMAIL

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1 Evidence of rain
7 Game official
10 Cellar, briefly
14 Dined at the diner (2 wds.)
15 Bridal notice word
16 Hodgepodge
17 Batista toppler
18 Old B'way posting
19 Check off
20 Wordsworth locale (2 wds.)
23 Went to the polls
26 Light beam
27 Roundup gear
28 Like some fans
29 Popular movie
30 Train unit
31 Cotillion honoree
32 Puffin kin
33 Oily fish
37 High dudgeon
38 Not sm. or med.
39 "She Done — Wrong"
40 Cote murmur
41 Disco flashers
43 TLC providers
44 Brillo rival
45 Part of mph
46 Embroider, maybe
47 Wife, to a lawyer
48 Can't stand
51 Feel crummy
52 End
53 Far from ambiguous (hyph.)
56 Beauty packs
57 — choy
58 Set a value
62 Pantyhose shade
63 Vane dir.
64 Disregard
65 Pants feature
66 CNN founder — Turner
67 French brandy

Down
1 Boot liner
2 Ms. Hagen
3 — Plaines
4 Made a point?
5 Gruesome
6 Harrow rival
7 Beat an incumbent
8 Festive
9 Menial laborer
10 Pepper
11 Marble blocks
12 Bogs down
13 Japan's capital
21 Kids' wheels
22 Gives the willies
23 "Quo —?"
24 Not hidden
25 River in Italy
29 Even bigger
30 Queeg's ship
32 Mr. Camus
33 Earsplitting
34 Peer Gynt creator
35 A musical Judd
36 Moves gingerly
42 Pogo of the funnies
46 Dampened a stamp
47 Hardening bricks
48 Peaks
49 Lee of martial arts
50 Creature Hercules fought
51 How some go it
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54 Help a hoodlum
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59 Kind of artist
60 Paleozoic or Mesozoic
61 Solstice mo.

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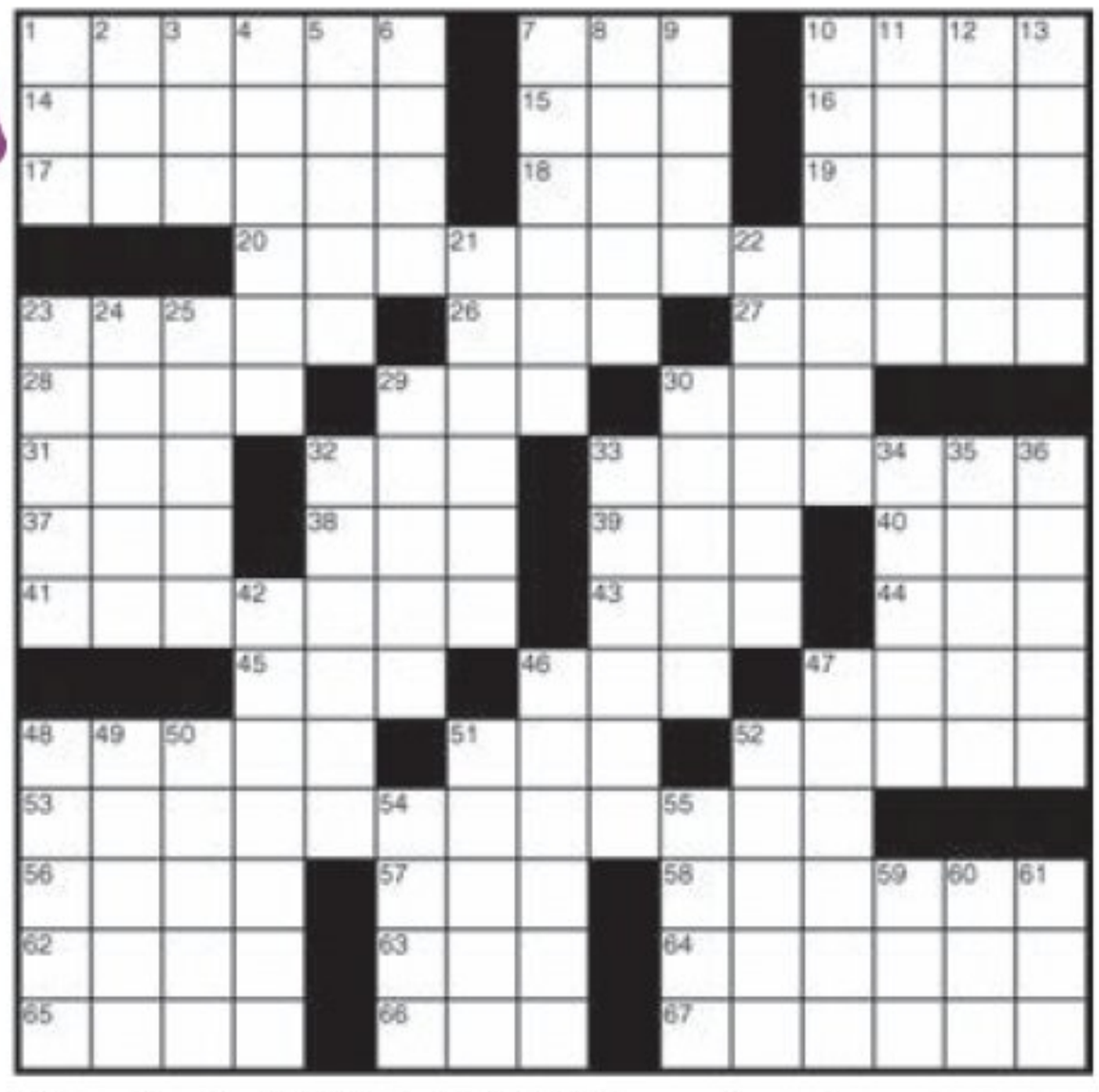

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SPORTS

Shaking things up

Eagles fire three execs

Not more than two days after the end of the 2015 NFL Draft, the Eagles fired Anthony Patch, Rick Mueller and Brad Obee, according to ESPN. Chip Kelly's new personnel head Ed Marynowitz is expected to add his own people this offseason.

MACNOW: DID BIRDS MAKE MISTAKE PASSING UP O'LINE?

Eagles' top pick Nelson Agholor can make an immediate impact next season. / GETTY IMAGES

Grading the Eagles' draft before, say, three years is an act of arrogance. No one knows today whether that smiling kid holding up the No. 1 jersey and flanked by his parents last weekend will become the next Mike Quick or the next Freddie Mitchell.

But it's not too early to have impressions. First, I like that Chip Kelly's top two picks (Nelson Agholor and Eric Rowe) seem like smart, versatile players who can be plugged into multiple roles.

Second, I can't fathom that another offseason passed without Chip adding an offensive lineman. That's 20 straight picks since Lane Johnson. The Eagles have the NFL's oldest projected starting guard, the second-oldest tackle. They're down another guard with the release of Todd Herremans.

Twice, Kelly conceded (in the second and fourth rounds). He backed away from plucking a lineman when a run on the position ensued right before the Eagles were up. Rather than pick over the leftovers and irregulars, he shopped elsewhere — mostly the cornerbacks rack.

The bottom line: The Eagles look like they'll enter 2015 with a brittle QB and a new running back whose success last year was bolstered by one of the league's elite lines. We are asked to believe that Coach Beautiful Mind's genius will meld all the new and disparate pieces into an unstoppable offense.

Put me on the record as skeptical.

Opinion

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Macnow on Santa

Rest in peace, Philly Eagles Santa Clause

My sympathies to the family of Frank Olivo, who passed away last week. Back in 1968, Olivo — 18 at the time — donned his flea-bitten Santa Claus suit and drove through the snow to Franklin Field to watch the Eagles' season-ending loss.

By circumstance, he wound up being pelted with snowballs as a skinny fill-in St. Nick.

Olivo forever embraced the moment. He knew the fans were actually aiming their anger at team management. Unfortunately, the rest of the world came to see us as an unruly mob of Visigoths.

Almost a half-century later, we're still on the hook for something our grandfathers did.

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Macnow. It's time to give Phils' slumping Utley some time off

Utley has been pretty awful this season. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Chase Utley is hitting .108/.181/.217. His defense is dreadful. If ever a four-day, clear-your-head benching was in order, this is it. Instead, Ryne Sandberg moved Utley from third to second in the order Sunday.

We all know that Utley's contract vests for 2016 only if he amasses 500 plate appearances this season.

If he were playing well, it would be criminal to Utley to withhold at-bats to negate the contract. But the way he's performing, it's criminal to the fans to run him out there every day. GLEN MACNOW

Macnow on fight

'Fight of the century' falls well short of hype

The bloated, self-congratulatory "fight of the century" last Saturday night wound up as the snooze-fest that proves boxing is dead — at least as a relevant sport. Yes, I know it earned Floyd Mayweather $100 million, because he gloated over his check on ESPN. But in the end, the fight was just an obscene and cynical marketing bonanza designed to separate $100 from millennials looking for a late-night party and aging baby boomers yearning for what the sport used to be.

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The righty has not pitched in the majors since April 15, 2013, following two elbow injuries, but boasts a 3.65 career ERA (81-61).

The Phils will have their hands full with Atlanta's Shelby Miller (3-1, 2.17) in the 7 p.m. game (on CSN).

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